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MEMORANDUM FOR Military Personnel Management Officers of All States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam, and The District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) (NGB-ARH Policy Memo #05-065A)

- 1. Purpose: Provide Service Members with information and guidance on changes to the new SGLI coverage.
- 2. Effective 1 Sep 05, the maximum level of SGLI coverage will automatically increase from \$250,000 to \$400,000. Anyone eligible for coverage on 1 Sep 05 will be covered for \$400,000, even if they have previously declined or elected lesser coverage.
- 3. Service Members' who desire a lesser amount of coverage, or no coverage, must request a change by completing a new form SGLV 8286 and filing it with their personnel office. The new form will be available as of 1 Sep 05 and can be accessed on the web address listed below. Requests for reduced coverage or no coverage made prior to any legislated increase in coverage have no effect under the new law. No action is required for members who do not elect to change their coverage.
- 4. The monthly SGLI premium remains at \$3.25 per \$50,000 of coverage. The new monthly premium will become \$26.00 for full coverage on the effective date. Members will have 30 days to elect to decline or reduce coverage without charge. However, if the member elects to make a change on or after 1 Oct 05, the full premium will be charged for September and through the end of each month in which the election was filed.
- 5. All States, Territories, and the District of Columbia will ensure dissemination of this memorandum to all field commanders.
- 6. Detailed information on SGLI can be found on the Service Members' and Veterans' Group Life Insurance web site at http://www.insurance.va.gov.
- 7. The SIDPERS-ARNG codes and values will change to reflect the new coverage amounts. Details will be provided in a software release message.
- 8. Points of contact are:
- a. Direct Personnel Policy questions to MAJ Donna McDermott at 703-607-3302, DSN 327-3302 or email: Donna.McDermott@ngb.army.mil

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b. Direct SIDPERS / ARNG questions to either Mr. Rod Kleinfelter at 703-607-9173, DSN 327-9173 or email: Rod.Kleinfelter@ngb.army.mil or CW2 Lisa Bryan 703-607-7104, DSN 327-7104 or email: Lisa.Bryan@ngb.army.mil.

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